

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

MADERA COUNTY MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 10A (MADERA RANCHOS)

HEARING ON PROPOSED RATE INCREASE FOR WATER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Madera, State of California, acting as the Board of Directors for Maintenance District 10A Madera Ranchos, will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING**, pursuant to Article XIID, Section 6 of the California Constitution, on **October 12, 2010 at 1:00 P.M.** in the Madera County Government Center, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 200 West 4TH Street, Madera, California, to consider a proposed resolution, prepared pursuant to Madera County Code Chapter 13.89, that would increase the fees for water service in Maintenance District 10A Madera Ranchos, as follows:

For in-use water connections:

- Upon approval of the resolution: All rates will increase by \$60.00 per quarter effective January 1, 2011. The current quarterly residential rate of \$90.00 per unit will increase to \$150.00. The commercial non-metered rate and metered base rate will increase from \$70.50 to \$130.50 per quarter. The ACO fee of \$25.50 will remain unchanged and is included in the rates shown. There will be no change to the standby rate, or the metered overage rates of \$4.00 (per 1,000 cubic feet between 5,000 and 10,000 cubic feet used) and \$8.00 (per 1,000 cubic feet in excess of 10,000 cubic feet used).
- An annual CPI adjustment will be made to the improved rate beginning July 1, 2011.¹
- All future figures will be rounded to the next higher dollar.

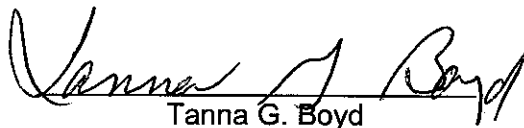
Funding for the District has not kept pace with actual operation and maintenance costs. There have been no rate increases since the County began operating the system in 1996. District has needed to utilize reserve funds to meet operational expenses jeopardizing the District's ability to respond to emergency situations requiring immediate repairs.

The proposed rate structure takes into account actual operating expenses and revenues, along with a reasonable estimate, based on past experience, of the District's expected costs for the current year and replacement of support equipment. For water it includes \$33,314.40 in funding for Technical, Managerial and Financial compliance. This equates to \$18.00 per unit per quarter and is part of the \$60.00 increase noted above.

Any person interested may appear and present testimony for or against the proposed rate increase at the Public Hearing on October 12, 2010 at 1:00 P.M. as noted above. Any written protest must include the full legal name and address of the property owner, as well as the Assessor's Parcel Number, and must be mailed to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at 200 W. Fourth St., Madera, CA 93637. All written protests must be received by the Clerk of the Board prior to the end of the hearing. If written protests are submitted by a majority of the Parcel Owners the Board may not enact the fee.

If you have questions about the rate increase or the hearing, please contact Linda Alexander at the Madera County Engineering Department during regular office hours at 2037 West Cleveland Avenue, Madera, California, 93637, Telephone (559) 675-7820, extension 3319.

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Madera


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¹Refer to www.bls.gov/cpi/home.htm, Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA; Not Seasonally Adjusted; All items.